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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please reconsider the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of the claims in light of the remarks that follow.